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### **REMARKS**

Claims 7, 9 and 15 are amended. Upon entry of the amendment, Applicant presents claims 7, 9 and 15 for allowance. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, and 16-17 are cancelled. The Examiner identified claims 8, 9 and 15 as containing allowable subject matter.

Claim 7 is amended to include the elements of claim 8 and is condition for allowance. Claim 8 is cancelled.

Claim 9 is amended to depend from allowable claim 7 and is patentable for at least the reasons set forth in support of claim 7.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form and recites all of the elements of allowable claim 7. Claim 15 is thus in condition for allowance.

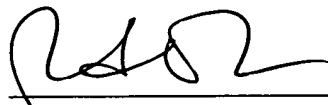
In light of the amendments, the rejection of claims 9 and 15 as depending from a rejected base claim should be withdrawn.

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**For all the foregoing reasons,** Applicant submits that pending claims 7, 9 and 15 are in condition for allowance and an early and favorable response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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